

# Appendix

## Development of Performance Measures for the EMSC Program

### Detail Sheet for Performance Measure #68d

PERFORMANCE MEASURE #68d	The integration of EMSC priorities into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations.
GOAL	By 2011, all five EMSC priorities will have been integrated into existing EMS statutes/regulations.
MEASURE	The integration of EMSC priorities into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations.
DEFINITION	<p><b>Calculation:</b> Calculation of this measure involves completing the attached Data Collection Form. Indicate whether all five EMSC priorities have been integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations. If all five priorities have <u>not</u> been integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations, please indicate on the form the progress your State/Territory has made towards integrating EMSC priorities into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations using the scale provided.</p> <p><b>Definition of Terms:</b></p> <p><b>EMSC</b> The component of EMS that addresses pediatric and adolescent needs, and the Program that strives to ensure the establishment and permanence of that component.</p> <p><b>Priorities</b> The priorities of the EMSC Program include the following five areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-hospital provider agencies in the State/Territory have on-line and off-line pediatric medical direction at the scene of an emergency for Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers.</li> <li>2. Pre-hospital provider agencies in the State/ Territory have the essential pediatric equipment and supplies, as outlined in AAP/ACEP Joint Guidelines for BLS and ALS ambulances.</li> <li>3. The existence of a statewide, territorial, or regional standardized system that recognizes hospitals that are able to stabilize and/or manage pediatric emergencies.</li> <li>4. Hospitals in the State/Territory have written inter-facility agreements that specify alternate care sites that have the capabilities to meet the clinical needs of critically ill and injured pediatric patients and inter-facility guidelines that specify the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of individuals, staff, and equipment to the alternate care site</li> <li>• Transfer of individual necessities (for example, medications, medical records) to and from the alternate care site</li> <li>• Individual tracking to and from the alternate care site</li> <li>• Inter-facility communication between the organization and the alternate care site</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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EMSC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	<p>5. The adoption of requirements by the State/Territory for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics.</p> <p><b>Related to Strategic Objectives 6 and 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 6: Ensure that integration of health services meets children's needs.</li> <li>Objective 7: Promote institutionalization of EMSC through legislation and regulation.</li> </ul>
DATA SOURCE(S)	<p><b>Data Sources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State/Territory EMS rules, regulations, codes, or policies</li> <li>Refer to Exhibit 2 for examples of supporting documentation</li> </ul>
IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS	<p><b>Process to Collect Data For This Measure:</b></p> <p>The following are potential data sources for collecting supporting documentation for this measure. Supporting documentation will be necessary to demonstrate either: 1) integration of one or more of the EMSC priorities into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations, or 2) progress towards integrating EMSC priorities into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations (if none of the EMSC priorities have been integrated).</p> <p>A data source and an example of supporting documentation for those States/Territories that have integrated <i>one or more</i> of the EMSC priorities into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations is provided first, followed by examples of supporting documentation for those States with <i>none</i> of the five EMSC priorities integrated into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations.</p> <p><b><i>Potential Data Source for Collecting Supporting Documentation for Those States with One or More of the EMSC Priorities Integrated into EMS or Hospital/Healthcare Facility Statutes and Regulations</i></b></p> <p><b>State/Territory EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies:</b> Your State/Territory's EMS or hospital/healthcare facility Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies may contain requirements related to the EMSC priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review your State/Territory's EMS or hospital/healthcare facility Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies on an annual basis for requirements related to the EMSC priorities.</li> <li><i>Supporting documentation</i> for the measure may include a copy of the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies stating requirements related to the EMSC priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Potential Supporting Documentation for Those States with None of the EMSC Priorities Integrated into EMS or Hospital/Healthcare Facility Statutes and Regulations</i></b></p> <p>As stated above, supporting documentation is also required to demonstrate progress made towards integrating EMSC priorities into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations. Refer to the attached Data Collection Form for the scale that will be used to indicate the progress your</p>

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State/Territory has made towards integrating EMSC priorities into the EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations. The type of supporting documentation to submit to HRSA will depend on where your State falls on the scale. **Exhibit 2** below provides examples of supporting documentation that your State/Territory may submit to HRSA by each point on the scale.

**IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS**

This is a long-term measure that may require instituting regulatory changes; changes that may take a significant amount of time to accomplish. To address this issue, States/Territories have until 2011 to meet the measure and can report their progress along the way by reporting a numeric value of where they are on the scale of the measure (see attached Data Collection Form).

**SIGNIFICANCE**

For the EMSC Program to be sustained in the long-term and reach permanence, it is important for the Program's priorities to be integrated into existing State/Territory EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes and regulations. Integration of the EMSC priorities into EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations will help to ensure pediatric emergency care issues and/or deficiencies are being addressed State/Territory-wide for the long-term.

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**Exhibit 2:**  
**Examples of Supporting Documentation by Point on Scale**

<b>Point on Scale</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b>
<b>0</b> = No EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations.	No supporting documentation is needed
<b>1</b> = While no EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations, some progress has been made towards integrating any of the EMSC priorities into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations through preparatory activities (e.g., assembly of a task force, establishment of partnerships and alliances, and conduct of a needs assessment).	Task force meeting minutes; partnership/alliance agreements; needs assessment documents
<b>2</b> = While no EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations, further progress has been made towards integrating any of the EMSC priorities into existing statutes/regulations (e.g., meetings with legislators have occurred, a bill has been drafted, proposals for integrating the EMSC priorities into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations are moving forward).	Copies of 1) bill(s) drafted, and/or 2) proposal(s) for integrating the EMSC priorities into EMS statutes and regulations, and/or 3) State's Administrative Register that includes information on the status of the bill (s)

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**Data Collection Form for Performance Measure #68d**

1. Have all five EMSC priorities been integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*Note: If "Yes," attach supporting documentation for the measure to your EMSC continuation application.*

2. If "No," please indicate the point on the scale below that best reflects the progress your State/Territory has made towards integrating EMSC priorities into EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations:

0 = No EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations.

1 = While no EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations, some progress has been made towards integrating any of the EMSC priorities into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations through preparatory activities (e.g., assembly of a task force, generation of partnerships and alliances, conduction of a needs assessment).

2 = While no EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations, further progress has been made toward integrating any of the EMSC priorities into existing statutes/regulations (e.g., meetings with legislators have occurred, a bill has been drafted, proposals for integrating the EMSC priorities into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations are moving forward).

3 = One to two EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations.

4 = Three to four of EMSC priorities are integrated into existing EMS or hospital/healthcare facility statutes/regulations.

Score on Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 1)

*Note: Attach documentation (see Exhibit 2) to support this score with your EMSC continuation application.*

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